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Call for Nomination

Southern NGO constituency

We are soliciting a call for participation in the Southern NGO constituency Support Delegation for the Roll Back Malaria Partnership.

Communications Focal Point, Southern NGO Board Member and Alternate will be selected from within the Support Delegation in mid November 2009 through a ballot process.

CLOSING DATE for all letters of interest in participation is one month after publication.

Roll Back Malaria Partnership

The Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership was launched in 1998 by the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank. It brings together malaria-endemic countries, their bilateral and multilateral development partners, the private sector, nongovernmental and community-based organizations, foundations, and research and academic institutions to harmonize action, mobilize resources, and coordinate partners in the worldwide fight against malaria.

The Partnership Board's main functions are to provide strategic guidance to the RBM Partnership, to ensure implementation of its Work plan and to ensure increased support at the country level through engagement of the wider partnership.

The RBM board of 21 voting members and 4 non voting members, has two NGO seats, one for North and another, representing the South. A Southern NGO in this instance is defined as an NGO registered in one or more malaria endemic country as a local entity and actively engaged in delivering malaria control or community based health programming.

NGO constituency

The Southern NGO RBM board seat is a relatively new seat created in November 2007 to take into account the unique perspective and concerns of NGOs working in their communities against malaria and ensure that RBM policies and actions support NGO programs and address the needs of communities. In this regard, the Southern NGO delegation works in close collaboration with the RBM Northern NGO delegation. The NGO delegation as a whole actively participates in discussions involving policy and development of positions on key issues addressed during RBM Board meetings.

The role of the Southern NGO Support Delegation is to support and advise the Board Member and Alternate Board Member on key issues and concerns of their NGO community. The Support Delegation is also responsible for the dissemination of RBM information before and after RBM Mechanisms meetings (Board, EC, Subcommittees, WGs meetings) to members of the Southern NGO constituency.

Criteria for selection

The Support Delegation member is an individual with both institutional support and capacity to carry out the required tasks and functions of the position. The selection of the Support Delegation members will consider the following criteria:

- A person with at least 2 years malaria control experience working as staff member of a Southern NGO with either (1) active malaria prevention, treatment or control programs; (2) active malaria advocacy programs; (3) a faith-based or community-based organization with active malaria control activities in support of advocacy or implementation; or (4) a network of NGOs including NGOs active in one of the 3 areas listed above.
- Understanding of the current initiatives of the RBM Partnership and Secretariat.
- Email, internet and phone access
- Documented ability and capacity to communicate and network effectively with the broader NGO constituency
- Willingness and ability to read or review RBM documents, communicate the issues of NGO constituency members to the NGO Delegation and disseminate information from RBM Mechanisms meetings, decisions and updates to the NGO constituency.
- Experience of serving as a delegate in a governance body would be a distinct advantage
- Must be willing to undertake an agreement to allocate up to 25% of their time on RBM issues.

Length of Term

The Support Delegation members are selected for a 2 year term with option to renew for an additional mandate of 2 years.

Participation process

Individuals interested in participating in the Support Delegation need to provide the following information:

- Name, contact information and organizational affiliation (CV)
- Short narrative outlining your interest in supporting the RBM Partnership and Board, your current communication or collaboration with the broader NGO community, and the most significant capabilities you would bring to the Support Delegation in a support and advisory role (maximum 1 page).
- A letter of reference or support from your own organization, or closest affiliated organization, agreeing to support your time to manage the additional workload at the required level of participation.

Supporting letters:

For each nomination application to be considered complete, it must be accompanied by two (2) letters of support. These letters of support must come from two organizations other than the NGO candidate nominated. Letters of support must be signed by an individual on behalf of, for example, other NGOs, multilateral and bilateral donors and Ministry of health officials. Each letter of support must specifically reference the institution nominated (NGO) and its suitability to represent the NGO malaria community. Letters of support may not be submitted by private individuals, the NGO nominated or any individual currently employed by the NGO of the nominee.

To take part in this important process, please send nominations to:
rbmboard@who.int

The call for nominations is also posted on the RBM website (www.rollbackmalaria.org)

Join us in making the Southern Voice heard in the fight against malaria!

Be a part of the decision making process for supporting our countries in the fight against malaria!